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<b>(54) Title:</b> HUMANIZED ANTIBODY SPECIFIC FOR SURFACE ANTIGEN PRE-S1 OF HBV AND PREPARATION METHOD THEREOF		
<b>(57) Abstract</b> <p>The present invention relates to humanized antibodies specific for HBV surface antigen pre-S1, which show binding affinity similar to mouse monoclonal antibody and which show remarkably reduced immunogenicity since they have less mouse-derived amino acid residues. Thus, the humanized antibodies of the present invention may be useful for the prevention of HBV infection and for the treatment of hepatitis B.</p>		